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In response to the action mailed June 4, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 10, and 11 to 24 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 3, 5, 7, and 9 as follows:

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-- 3. (Amended) The ¹³C-labeled oligosaccharide or polysaccharide or a salt thereof according to claim 5, which is not hydrolyzable with α -glucosidase.

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5. (Twice Amended) A ¹³C-labeled oligosaccharide or polysaccharide, or a salt thereof comprising:

¹³C-cyclodextrin or at least one sugar molecule constituting the oligosaccharide or polysaccharide being modified with at least one modifying group,

wherein said sugar molecule or modifying group is ¹³C-labeled, and said modifying group is selected from a group consisting of a galactosyl group, a digalactosyl group, an alkoxyl group, a carbamoyl group, a pyrimidino group, an ethylidene group, and a benzylidene group.

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